

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 QUITO 04679 01 OF 02 161655Z

46

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 DEAE-00 CIAE-00 INR-11 IO-14 JUSE-00

NSAE-00 RSC-01 SNM-02 SY-04 TRSE-00 USIA-15 NSC-07

SCI-06 OMB-01 AID-20 AGR-20 DRC-01 /123 W

----- 004657

R 161425Z JUL 74

FM AMEMBASSY QUITO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1758

INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 QUITO 4679

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, EC

SUBJECT SEMI-ANNUAL NARCOTICS REPORT

REF: STATE A-4700

1. ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS DURING THE PERIOD

A. PROGRAM AGREEMENT #518-11-995-114.1 COVERING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 28, 1973 TO FEBRUARY 27, 1974, AND ANOTHER AGREEMENT BEARING THE SAME NUMBER FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 22, 1974 TO MARCH 21, 1975 PROVIDE FOR ASSISTANCE IN NARCOTICS CONTROL TO THE NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE (MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT AND POLICE).

B. PROGRAM AGREEMENT #518-11-995-114.2 COVERING THE PERIOD JUNE 27, 1973 TO JUNE 26, 1974, AND ANOTHER AGREEMENT BEARING THE SAME NUMBER FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 28, 1973 TO DECEMBER 15, 1974 PROVIDE DOR ASSISTANCE TO ECUADOREAN CUSTOMS (MINISTRY OF FINANCE) IN NARCOTICS CONTROL.

C. PROGRAM AGREEMENT #518-11-995-114.3 PROVIDES FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS CONTROL AND INSPECTIONS (MINISTRY OF HEALTH) FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 27, 1974, TO JUNE 26, 1975.

2. UNDER PROGRAM AGREEMENT #114.1 (PARAGRAPH 1(A) ABOVE) THE U.S. IS OBLIGATED TO SPEND \$127,500.00 AND
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 QUITO 04679 01 OF 02 161655Z

THE GOE \$218,885.00 ON NATIONAL POLICE NARCOTICS

CONTROL.

B. UNDER PROGRAM AGREEMENT #114.2 (PARAGRAPH 1(B) ABOVE) THE U.S. IS OBLIGATED TO SPEND \$78,000.00 AND THE GOE (748,000.00 ON CUSTOMS CONTROL INCLUDING NARCOTICS CONTROL.

C. UNDER PROGRAM AGREEMENT #114.3 (PARAGRAPH 1(C) ABOVE) THE U.S. IS OBLIGATED TO SPEND (52,200.00 AND THE GOE \$19,000.00 ON THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS CONTROL AND INSPECTION.

3. TYPE AND QUANTITIES OF EQUIPMENT

A. PROGRAM #114.1: DURING REPORTING PERIOD NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE WERE SUPPLIED 11 TYPEWRITERS AND A QUANTITY OF EVIDENCE BAGS.

PROJECTED IN THE CURRENT PROGRAM ARE

12 RADIO EQUIPPED VEHICLES	\$94,000.00
RADIO EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS	5,000.00
ARMS AND AMMUNITION	7,000.00
TRAINING EQUIPMENT	3,000.00
INVESTIGATIVE AND PLANT DESTRUCTION EQUIPMENT	10,000.00

B. PROGRAM 114.2: DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THE CUSTOMS POLICE WERE SUPPLIED WITH: 13 MOBILE RADIO UNITS, 130 M-1 CARBINES, AMMUNITION AND LOADING EQUIPMENT, 2 CAMERAS, 6 FINGERPRINT FILE CABINETS AND 10 NARCOTIC IDENTIFICATION KITS.

PROJECTED IN THE CURRENT PROGRAM ARE

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT	\$30,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT	4,500.00

C. PROGRAM 114.3: NOTHING SUPPLIED DURING CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD.

PROJECTED IN THE CURRENT PROGRAM ARE

LABORATORY EQUIPMENT	\$43,400.00
2 VEHICLES	8,000.00
CHEMICALS	800.00

4. SUPPORT COSTS NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

MISSION PROJECT #114.0 HAS PROVIDED SUPPORT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD OF ONE NARCOTICS ADVISOR AND ONE SECRETARY TO PROGRAM AGREEMENT #114.1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 QUITO 04679 01 OF 02 161655Z

5. NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAINED

IN COUNTRY: POLICE 48-HOUR SPECIALIZED NARCOTIC TRAINING PROGRAM

128 OFFICERS AND MEN

POLICE 10-HOUR MOBILE NARCOTIC TRAINING 50 MEN (AS PART OF 80 HOUR COURSE OF TRAINING) POLICE PROMOTIONAL OFFICERS COURSE 40-HOUR NARCOTIC TRAINING - 23 OFFICERS (AS PART OF FOUR MONTH

COURSE) ALL OF ABOVE COURSES PROVIDED WITH ORGANIZATION,
EQUIPMENT, AND ACTUAL CLASS PRESENTATIONS BY PUBLIC SAFETY
AND NARCOTIC CONTROL DIVISION OF USAID CUSTOMS NARCOTICS TRAINING
26-HOURS - 42 MEN (AS PART OF FIVE MONTH GENERAL CUSTOMS
TRAINING) PRESENTLY ATTENDING TRAINING - 264 OFFICERS AND MEN
IN U.S.: DEA SPECIALIZED NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL
SIX WEEKS - 3 OFFICERS

6. DURING THE QUARTER THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN THE
NARCOTICS FIELD WAS THE ARREST APRIL 15 OF FRANCISCO ADUM
ADUM, NOTORIOUS TRAFFICKER. HE IS STILL IN CUSTODY AND
THIS IS ENCOURAGING, BUT THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM IS
THOUGHT TO BE WEAK.

7. THERE IS LITTLE SPECIFIC DATA ON DRUG ABUSE IN THE COUNTRY
BUT THE USE OF MARIJUANA AND COCAINE IS COMMON. THERE IS
INCREASING PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL CONCERN OVER THE DANGERS
TO THE YOUTH OF THE COUNTRY OF MARIJUANA, BUT, ASIDE FROM
AN INCREASING NUMBER OF ARRESTS OF MARIJUANA AND COCAINE
TRAFFICKERS AND USERS THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE INDICATION OF
MOUNTING CONCERN OVER COCAINE AND HEROIN TRAFFIC.

8. PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING - THE BEST ESTIMATE OF
THE MISSION NOW IS THAT 150-200 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE
AND A MINIMUM OF 40-60 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN ARE PROCESSED
IN ECUADOR EACH MONTH. OF 15 NARCOTICS LABORATORIES
REPORTED IN ECUADOR, 6 ARE REPORTED TO PRODUCE HEROIN.

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 QUITO 04679 02 OF 02 161644Z

46

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 DEAE-00 CIAE-00 INR-11 IO-14 JUSE-00

NSAE-00 RSC-01 SNM-02 SY-04 TRSE-00 USIA-15 NSC-07

SCI-06 OMB-01 AID-20 AGR-20 DRC-01 /123 W

----- 004553

R 161425Z JUL 74

FM AMEMBASSY QUITO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1759

INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION 2 OF 2 QUITO 4679

9. TRAFFICKING TRENDS - ECUADOREAN COCAINE IS CONSIDERED BY TRAFFICKERS TO BE THE BEST OF THAT PRODUCED IN THE ANDEAN COUNTRIES. COCA LEAVES FOR ECUADOREAN COCAINE PRODUCTION ARE OBTAINED IN ECUADOR, COLOMBIA AND PERU. HEROIN IS PRODUCED FROM RAW OPIUM OBTAINED FROM POPPY FIELDS LOCATED IN PERU AND COLOMBIA AND THERE ARE REPORTS OF POPPY PRODUCTION IN ECUADOR. DRUGS ARE TRANSPORTED IN A VARIETY OF WAYS - IN ESPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED ATTACHE CASES, STRAPPED TO THE BODIES OF FEMALE COURIERS. TRANSPORT OF NARCOTICS IN AUTOMOBILES, BUQUES, SHIPS AND AIRPLANES USING CREW MEMBERS AND PASSENGERS AS COURIERS IS COMMON. MOST COCAINE PASTE SMUGGLES INTO COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA FROM ECUADOR CROSSES THE FRONTIER BY LAND.

10. THE ARREST AND CONTINUED CUSTODY OF FRANCISCO ADUM ADUM IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT OF THE QUARTER. OTHERWISE THE NATIONAL POLICE ARE HAMPERED IN THEIR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS BY THE LACK OF OFFICERS ASSIGNED FULL TIME TO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. IN INTERVIEWS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS, TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS EXPRESS INTEREST IN THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND ONE, THE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT AND POLICE HAS SAID THAT BY THE END OF THE YEAR THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN ECUADOR WILL BE ELIMINATED. NEVERTHELESS, THIS INTEREST HAS NOT BEEN REFLECTED IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICERS TO NARCOTICS WORK NOR IN THE

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 QUITO 04679 02 OF 02 161644Z

PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF THESE HIGH OFFICIALS EXCEPT AS THEY HAVE REFERRED TO THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA ON THE COUNTRY'S YOUTH. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST FIGURES AVAILABLE (JUNE 1974), 16.8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE BASE AND 450 OPIUM PLANTS HAVE BEEN SEIZED THIS YEAR AS WELL AS A QUANTITY OF MARIJUANA.

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TREATMENT OR REHABILITATION FIELDS. SOME OFFICIALS HAVE DISCUSSED THE DRUG PROBLEM IN SCHOOLS.

12. TRAINING - COVERED UNDER #5.

13. ECUADOR WAS REPRESENTED AT THE REGIONAL INTERPOL MEETING IN PANAMA EARLIER THIS YEAR, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO POSITIVE RESULTS.

14. THE EMBASSY HAS CONTINUED, BY A PATTERN OF CALLS ON HIGH OFFICIALS TO IMPRESS ON THEM THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO AN EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IN ECUADOR. IN MID-JUNE, THE

AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED NARCOTICS WITH THE MINISTER OF
GOVERNMENT AND POLICE ADMIRAL POVEDA WHO
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A FUTURE MEETING WITH THE
AMBASSADOR TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM IN GREATER DETAIL.
PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR SUCH A MEETING, AND THE
AMBASSADOR HAS WRITTEN TO THE MINISTER TO REQUEST IT.
BREWSTER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NARCOTICS, DRUG CONTROL, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS, ANNUAL REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 JUL 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GarlanWA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974QUITO04679
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740190-0689
From: QUITO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740745/aaaabmiy.tel
Line Count: 230
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE A-4700
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GarlanWA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 SEP 2002 by cunninfx>; APPROVED <25 MAR 2003 by GarlanWA>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SEMI-ANNUAL NARCOTICS REPORT
TAGS: SNAR, EC, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005